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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON TEXTILE AGREEMENT; REQUEST

-- FOR URGENT EMBASSY APPROACH.

1. ON DECEMBER 20, DEPT GAVE COPY OF NOTE EMBODYING US-ROK TEXTILE AGREEMENT COVERING PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1978 TO DECEMBER 31, 1982 TO KOREAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE EUN-TAK LEE; LEE TOLD US HE WAS AIR POUCHING TEXT TO SEOUL, WHERE IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON DECEMBER 23, AND ESTIMATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON DECEMBER 27 OR (MORE LIKELY) DECEMBER 28.

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2. BECAUSE OF TIMING REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES (INSTRUCTIONS TO CUSTOMS TO CONTROL IMPORTS AT AGREED LEVELS MUST BE PUBLISHED IN FR), IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT NOTES BE EXCHANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE NOTES ON DECEMBER 27 AND HAVE INSTRUCTIONS PUBLISHED BEFORE END

OF 1977, ANY DELAY AT ALL COULD PUT US IN POSITION OF MISSING THE DEADLINES BY A DAY OR TWO, THUS PERMITTING GOODS ON HAND AND AWAITING ENTRY ON FIRST FEW BUSINESS DAYS OF 1978 TO ENTER WITHOUT ACCURATE COUNT, MAKING

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT LIMITS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL. DECEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON TIME) IS THE LATEST DAY ON WHICH WE CAN EXCHANGE NOTES WITH ANY LIKELIHOOD OF MEETING ALL DEADLINES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PLEASE CONTACT ROKG AT SENIOR LEVEL ASAP (FOREIGN MINISTRY ASST. MINISTER CHOI MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE PERSON) AND STRONGLY URGE THEM TO COMPLETE EXPEDITIOUSLY WHATEVER REVIEW IS NECESSARY AND INSTRUCT ROK EMBASSY TO EXCHANGE NOTES BY DECEMBER 23. FYI WE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF US EMBASSY APPROACH IN SEOUL WITH LEE; HE FEELS THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN SPRINGING NOTE LOOSE. TEXT GIVEN TO LEE REFLECTS MINOR CHANGES AGREED TO IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY DECEMBER, AND IN GENEVA (WITH KIM CHUL SU) ON DECEMBER 16. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THIS TEXT NEEDS ANY ADDITIONAL REVIEW IN SEOUL; ALL THAT SHOULD BE NECESSARY IS PROOF-READING, IN WASHINGTON, TO REASSURE ROK THAT TEXT PROVIDED IS IDENTICAL TO THAT AGREED PREVIOUSLY. END FYI.

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4. LEE POINTED OUT TO DEPT OFF ON DECEMBER 20 THAT ROKG HAD NOT COMPLETED FORMAL CABINET AND PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF NOTE; THUS THIS EXCHANGE OF NOTES PERTAINS TO PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE, THE SAME MECHANISM THAT WAS USED WITH 3 MONTH EXTENTION. VANCE

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